

Edison Russell

Deputy Fire Marshal, Fire and Arson Investigation

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STRENGTHS

- 📁 **Evidence Discipline**
Case files connect photographs, diagrams, interviews, and physical evidence. Prosecutors received a clearer path from scene findings to review.
- 👁️ **Field Judgment**
Complex scenes required calm choices around heat, smoke, debris, and electrical hazards. Partners valued practical risk decisions.
- 🗣️ **Code Communication**
Inspection findings became easier for owners and contractors to act on. Plain explanations helped move corrective work forward.
- 👥 **Agency Coordination**
Fire departments, police, hazardous materials teams, and emergency managers shared information more smoothly during joint responses.
- 📣 **Public Education**
Fire prevention lessons connected ignition hazards with everyday decisions. Community audiences left with clear actions and stronger awareness.

SKILLS

Fire investigation

Arson investigation

Fire code enforcement

Criminal investigation

Origin and cause analysis

Life safety inspections

Construction plan review

Suppression system review

Hazardous materials

Fireworks enforcement

SUMMARY

Deputy fire marshal and licensed Texas **peace officer** with 11 years of progressive experience in fire and arson investigation, criminal investigation, **fire code enforcement**, hazardous materials response, and fire prevention. Leads origin and cause examinations, preserves evidence, prepares prosecutable case files, and provides courtroom testimony. Reviews construction and fire suppression plans, conducts **fire and life safety inspections**, investigates complaints, enforces fireworks requirements, and coordinates regional responses with fire departments, law enforcement, emergency management, and partner agencies. Brings practical knowledge of building construction, **fire prevention codes**, investigative methods, incident documentation, and public education. Communicates clearly with prosecutors, property owners, contractors, public safety personnel, and community audiences while applying sound judgment in demanding fire scene environments.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Fire Investigator, Fire and Arson Investigation

Northstar Fire & Investigation Services 📅 January 2022 to Present 📍 Arlington, TX

Leads origin and cause investigations, arson case development, code enforcement, plan review, and life safety operations. Supports prosecutors, **fire departments**, law enforcement, hazardous materials teams, and emergency management partners across complex incidents.

- Led origin and cause examinations for fires, arson, **explosions**, and complex **complaints**.
- Documented burn patterns, electrical conditions, fuel sources, witnesses, and ignition sequences.
- Prepared reports, evidence summaries, photographs, diagrams, and referrals for **prosecutors**.
- Conducted **fire and life safety inspections**, resolving code deficiencies with property owners.
- Reviewed construction and suppression plans, then verified field conditions during inspections.
- Coordinated fire, law enforcement, **hazardous materials**, and emergency management responses.

Fire Inspector and Peace Officer Investigator, Code Enforcement

Trinity Safety & Code Consulting 📅 June 2018 to December 2021 📍 Fort Worth, TX

Managed commercial, construction, public facility, and special event inspections alongside criminal investigations, fireworks enforcement, hazardous materials support, and **fire prevention education**. Worked with property representatives and public safety partners on corrective action.

- Managed inspections and investigations across commercial properties, construction sites, and public facilities.
- Evaluated construction, egress, fire protection, suppression systems, and hazardous conditions.
- Investigated suspicious fires through interviews, records review, evidence handling, and follow up.
- Inspected fireworks sales locations and permit documents under Texas requirements.
- Delivered **fire** prevention briefings and practical safety training for community audiences.
- Supported **hazardous materials** incidents through scene risk identification and resource coordination.

Fire Investigator, Fire and Life Safety

Prairie Ridge Emergency Services 📅 March 2015 to May 2018 📍 Weatherford, TX

Examined residential, commercial, vehicle, and outdoor fire scenes while handling complaint driven inspections, evidence continuity, criminal investigation support, public education, and incident records. Built dependable case files for laboratory and prosecutorial review.

- Examined residential, commercial, vehicle, and outdoor scenes after fire suppression.
- Conducted complaint driven inspections involving hazards, occupancy, and life safety conditions.
- Built criminal investigation capability through interviews, records review, and evidence handling.
- Protected evidence and maintained chain of custody for laboratory and prosecutorial review.

Evidence documentation

Case preparation

Courtroom testimony

Emergency management

Public speaking

LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

MY CAREER

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MONTHS

- Presented prevention programs covering ignition hazards, evacuation, alarms, and seasonal risks.
- Maintained inspection, training, incident, and investigative records supporting case continuity.

Firefighter and Fire Prevention Investigator, Emergency Response

Lone Mesa Fire & Rescue 📅 September 2012 to February 2015 📍 Granbury, TX

Responded to structure fires, vehicle fires, hazardous conditions, and emergencies while completing supervised prevention inspections and supporting early evidence protection. Applied **building construction** knowledge during drills, scene work, and community education.

- Responded to structure fires, vehicle fires, hazardous conditions, and emergency calls.
- Completed supervised fire prevention inspections and confirmed corrective action with occupants.
- Protected potential evidence and recorded scene conditions before investigator arrival.
- Applied construction knowledge to identify collapse, electrical, access, and fire spread hazards.
- Participated in multiagency drills involving fire response, **hazardous materials**, and evacuation.
- Delivered community safety demonstrations and maintained training and incident documentation.

PROJECTS

Regional Arson Task Force Coordination 📅 2024

Coordinated investigative information, evidence documentation, agency communication, and prosecutorial case preparation across complex fire incidents. Clear records helped partners act with confidence.

Fireworks Safety Inspection Program 📅 2023

Supported fireworks stand inspections, permit review, Texas rule enforcement, and corrective action communication. Field follow through improved public safety during seasonal operations.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Recognized by investigative partners for clear case documentation and dependable evidence continuity.
- Selected to coordinate multiagency fire, hazardous materials, and emergency management responses.
- Trusted to provide public fire prevention education for community and public safety audiences.

EDUCATION

High School Diploma

Martin High School 🎓 GPA: 4.0 📅 2012 📍 Arlington, TX

Coursework: Building construction, public safety, emergency response, criminal justice

CERTIFICATIONS

- Texas Commission on Fire Protection Certified Fire and Arson Investigator 📅 2016
- Texas Commission on Fire Protection Certified Fire Inspector 📅 2017
- Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Licensed Peace Officer 📅 2018
- Valid Texas Driver License 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Fire Investigation:** Origin and cause analysis, burn pattern analysis, ignition sequence review
- **Arson Casework:** Evidence packages, case referrals, prosecutor coordination
- **Fire Inspection:** Life safety inspections, fire hazard inspections, complaint response
- **Code Enforcement:** Fire prevention codes, Texas fireworks rules, permit enforcement
- **Plan Review:** Construction plans, fire suppression plans, field verification
- **Criminal Investigation:** Witness interviews, records review, evidence handling
- **Evidence Management:** Photography, diagrams, chain of custody
- **Hazardous Materials:** Scene risk assessment, hazardous materials incidents, toxic combustion products

- **Emergency Management:** Disaster response, Homeland Security response, multiagency coordination
- **Public Safety Training:** Fire prevention education, safety briefings, community presentations
- **Court Proceedings:** Courtroom testimony, prosecutorial files, investigative reports
- **Fireworks Operations:** Fireworks stand inspections, permit review, seasonal enforcement

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Texas fire investigation and prevention professional network participant, supporting shared field practices.
- Regional emergency response partner, coordinating with fire departments, law enforcement, and emergency management.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST